



City News In Brief

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Preventing Sewer Back-ups

Ugh! Sewer back-ups are not only unpleasant and inconvenient to deal with, but they can also result in costly damage. Here are a few simple steps to help prevent the problem from occurring on your property.

Routine Maintenance

Regular maintenance of your lateral line will prevent obstructed flow. This is the outside piping that takes water and waste from your house to the city sewer line. Roots from trees, large shrubs and plants are attracted to water. So if your lateral line is cracked, roots will gravitate towards the water source, enter the line, and eventually interfere with the flow. Other factors that can affect flow are the age and material of your lateral line.

Backwater Valve

A backwater valve can be installed onto some lateral lines to prevent sewer back-ups. This device is required by law under certain circumstances. Homes, businesses, and other structures with drainage fixtures such as shower pans, tubs, toilets, or sink rims located below the elevation of the next upstream manhole cover, are required to install and maintain an approved backwater valve. Installing a backwater valve requires a permit. Contact a licensed plumber to determine the need for this device or a suitable alternative.

If you already have a backwater valve, call a licensed plumber to verify that it is in good working order.

Helpful Tips

- ☒ Do not put bulky paper or trash into the sewers through toilets or sinks. Back-ups in your sewer lateral line can result, because the line can be as small as three inches in diameter.
- ☒ Do not put bulky paper or trash into storm drains; these items clog the drains and can cause or increase flooding.
- ☒ Do not dispose of oil, fat, or grease into the sewer through toilets or sinks. Do not dispose of oil, fat, or grease in storm drains. It is a violation of the Municipal Code to dispose of these materials – regardless of the source – through a sewer or storm drain. Commercial operations such as restaurants are required to have a grease trap. Industrial waste generators are required to install a pre-treatment facility to process waste prior to disposal.
- ☒ If you are not the property owner and want to protect against potential uninsurable damage to your personal property, share these maintenance and preventive tips with your landlord, manager, or the property owner.

For questions or more information,

contact a licensed plumber, or Water Resources at (805) 564-5413.

For permit information, contact Building and Safety at (805) 564-5485.

Wireless Internet Access Now Available at the Airline Terminal



WiFi @ Santa Barbara AIRPORT

\$3.95/20 min. \$6.95/day pass \$21.95/month

Works with any Wi-Fi enabled laptop or PDA



To our valued readers: Due to the large number of city water customers and 20 different billing cycles, bills are mailed on a staggered basis throughout the month. For that reason, some of the dates and information contained in "City News in Brief" may be out of date by the time your water bill reaches you.

City of Santa Barbara Receives Statewide Award

The League of California Cities has selected Santa Barbara as a 2006 Helen Putnam Award winner. The City took top honors in the category of "Public Works, Infrastructure and Transportation" for its Fuel Cell Cogeneration Project. The fuel cell was installed at El Estero Wastewater Treatment Plant at 520 East Yanonali Street. The plant's highly efficient stationary fuel cells operate on methane gas generated from the anaerobic gas digestion and generate 500 kilowatts of renewable power, enough energy to power 500 homes. The system significantly reduces air pollution and provides sufficient electricity to meet about half of the treatment plant's needs. It represents the first commercially operated fuel cell in a California wastewater treatment facility.



The Helen Putnam Award for Excellence program recognizes cities that deliver the highest quality and level of service in the most effective manner possible.

Help Shape the Future of Upper State Street!

There are a number of large mixed commercial and residential projects being proposed in this area. City Council believes that this is the time to discuss with the community what we want for this area.

WALKING TOUR:

Saturday, October 7, 2006
Start Times: 8:00, 8:30, 9:00 & 9:30 a.m.
Location: Patio/Foyer of Grace Lutheran Church, 3869 State Street

- *Tour estimated to last 2 hours.*
- *A guidebook will be available at the walking tour, or you can: 1. Download a copy from the web at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov, under Quick Links, Major Planning Efforts, Upper State Street Study, or 2. Pick up a copy from the Planning Division at 630 Garden Street.*

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS:

Saturday, October 14, 2006
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Location: Hope School Multi-purpose Room, 3970 La Colina Road

Thursday, October 19, 2006
Time: 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Hope School Multi-purpose Room, 3970 La Colina Road

Please choose one to attend.

Also please pick-up a copy of the Upper State Street Information Booklet (or download it from address above) before the workshop. For further information, contact the City Planning Division via email at UpperStateStreet@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, or telephone (805) 564-5470.

3% Home Improvement Loans

Home Rehab Loans Now Available

Helping Low-Income Homeowners with:

- Roofing
- Painting
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Window Replacement
- Sewer Lateral Replacement
- Disabled Accessibility
- Foundations

Financing Features Include:

- 3% simple interest loans
- Payments to fit your budget
- No loan fees

The City of Santa Barbara will assist you with inspection and work write-up, plans and design, if required, obtaining a responsible contractor, and building permits!



For more information, contact Housing Loan Officer
Carol Carpenter at (805) 564-5461, via email at
CCarpenter@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, or visit the website at
<http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Home/Housing/hrlp.htm>

Harbor & Seafood Festival - October 14

***Save the date! Don't miss the 5th Annual
Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival
on Saturday, October 14 at the Waterfront.***

This free family-friendly event showcases Santa Barbara's working harbor, harbor businesses, and the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum, while offering a bounty of seafood, fun, live entertainment, boat rides, exhibits, demonstrations, and more.

The Harbor & Seafood Festival benefits the Page Youth Center.
Event hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Questions? Call (805) 897-1962 or visit us at

http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Visitor/Things/Waterfront/Harbor_And_Seafood_Festival.htm



CITY-TV PRESENTS...

GARDEN WISE GUYS



GOT A QUESTION FOR THE GARDEN WISE GUYS?

Garden Wise Guys is a 30-minute TV show on sustainable landscaping that airs Sundays at 9:00 p.m. on City-TV, Channel 18. Visit www.citytv18.com/garden.htm and submit a question about your landscape. In future episodes of Garden Wise Guys, we will feature one question and hosts Owen Dell and Billy Goodnick will give you an answer!



TUNE IN SUNDAYS AT 9:00 P.M.
CITY-TV CHANNEL 18



"Inside Santa Barbara" on City-TV Channel 18

Airing October 11th – November 4th

Program Highlights

- Upper State Street Study
- History 101: State Street
- Cookin' with Christy: Harvest Festival
- Peony Pavilion
- St. Vincent's Housing Update
- California Coastal Cleanup

For more information, contact City-TV Production Supervisor Tony Ruggieri at (805) 564-5311, or visit www.citytv18.com.

"Inside Santa Barbara"

New program begins

October 11th
at 6:30 p.m.

Airs throughout the month

<i>Monday</i>	<i>8 p.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>5 p.m.</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>6:30 p.m.</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>9 p.m.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>10 p.m.</i>

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 Purchasing 564.5349
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Fire (non-emergency use) 965.5254
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 Adult Sports 564.5422
 Aquatics 897.2680
 Community Services 963.7567
 Creeks and Water Quality 897.2658
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 Senior Recreation Services 897.2519
 Street Trees 564.5434
 Teen Programs 897.2650
 Tennis 564.5517
 Youth Activities 564.5495
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 Emergency Use 9-1-1
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 ABOP Hotline* 560.7505
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 Downtown Parking 963.1581



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 El Estero Wastewater Plant 568.1010
 Engineering 564.5363
 Graffiti Hotline 897.2513
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 Pot Hole Hotline 897.2630
 Recycling 897.2624
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 Street Light Hotline 564.5416
 Street Maintenance 564.5413
 Traffic Signal Hotline 564.5417
 Transportation Operations 564.5394
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 Trash Complaints 897.2618
 Water Conservation Hotline 564.5460
 Water Resources Admin. 564.5387
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*Automotive Products, Batteries, Used Motor Oil and Filters, Latex Paints